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Top Flight Staff To Serve Annual Clinic For Coaches

Ray Graves of Georgia Tech; Bob Rogers, Texas A&M; and John Bridgers and Tom Pruett, Baylor are four top names in college athletics who are scheduled on the Annual Coaching Clinic staff at Prairie View A. and M. College on July 14-16.

Other lecturers will include members of the highly successful Prairie View coaching team—W. J. Nicks, head football coach, and director of the clinic. Leroy Moore, basketball and track; and Elois Rettig, defensive football and baseball coach.

High school coaches of the South-

west and prospective teachers and coaches are expected to attend the 27th annual clinic. The three-day school is a special service of the College offered to improve the quality and standards in interscholastic athletics in Texas and neighboring states.

Assistant head football coach at Georgia Tech, Graves will lecture on defensive football. Under his guidance the Jackets have finished in the nation's top five for defense during six of the past eleven years. Bridgers is head coach at Baylor and a former defensive coach with the Baltimore Colts.

Reading Conference Attracts Hundreds of Elementary Teachers

In an effort to better serve the needs of in-service teachers, the Department of Education in cooperation with the Departments of Extramural Services and Student

Life sponsored their Tenth Annual Reading Conference on June 23-24.

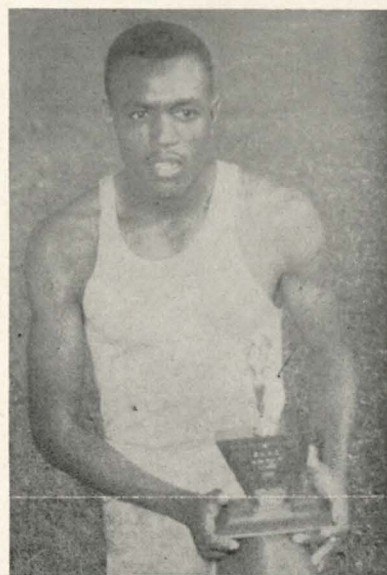
The Conference Theme "Instructional Approaches in Reading" provided for a broad and intensive coverage of the teachers responsibility for developing effective readers.

Consultant services were rendered by Dr. Saul S. Leshner, Psychological consultant, New Jersey Public School System; Mrs. Martha Leshner, Reading consultant, Collingswood Public School System, Collingswood, New Jersey; and Dr. Harry W. Lewis, Jr., Supervising Director, Reading Clinic, Public School System, Washington, D. C.

PV Health Workshop Scheduled in Austin

A workshop in elementary education and child health for teachers is being held on the campus of Huston-Tillotson College in Austin June 8 through 17. This is the seventh annual workshop.

Sponsored by the Prairie View A. and M. College and the Texas Tuberculosis Association, the workshop offers two courses: Modern Practices in Elementary Education and Problems of the Elementary Teacher. Mrs. Ada Simond, Austin, of the tuberculosis association will teach phases of the courses concerned with teaching health in the elementary school.



SWC HIGH POINT TRACK MAN — James Kennedy amassed a total of 10 1/4 points to win high point honors in the S.W. Conference meet last month.

Six Students Listed At Top; 150 On 2nd Semester Honor Roll

Six Prairie View A. and M. College students are listed at the top scholastically, having attained practically straight "A" record during the Spring semester.

The students, their hometowns and majors are: Mary A. Broussard (Houston), Cooking and Baking; Atlas Devereaux (Seagorville) Library Science; Floyd Ferguson (Overton), Industrial Education; Henry E. McDuffy (Shepherd), Biology; Cleopatra McGill (Hillsboro), Biology; and Joe Warner, Jr. (Crockett), Business Administration. The six — all freshman, sophomores and juniors — attained a quality point ratio of 3.6 to 4.00.

Nine seniors who graduated recently received similar grades. Forty-seven students attained a 3.3 to 3.5 (B plus) average and ninety-four others made the honor roll (B and above).

Of the 156 on the honor roll, eighty-four were females and 72 males. Seventy-two were seniors, 33 juniors, 22 sophomores, and 29 freshman. Sixty-nine were in the School of Arts and Sciences, 13 in Agriculture, 7 in Engineering, 16 in Home Economics, 18 in Industrial Education, and 13 in Nursing Education.

PV Open Tennis Tournament Set For July 18-19

The Annual Prairie View Open Tennis Tournament is scheduled to be held on the College courts on July 18 and 19.

Registration is open now to all and drawings will be held at 7:30 A.M., Saturday, July 18.

Trophies will be awarded winners in men's singles and doubles, women's singles and doubles, junior singles and doubles (ages 15-18) and girls' singles and doubles (ages 15-18).

YMCA Receives National Membership

The Young Men's Christian Association at Prairie View A. and M. College has been accepted to membership in the National Student Council of the YMCA, according to W. Van Johnson, YMCA secretary at the College.

Recognition has been given to the Prairie View YMCA because of the quality of its program and contributions to the local community and to regional and national organizations. The College added a full-time paid "Y" secretary to its staff last September.

Affiliation in the national organization is continuous, but subject to annual review. Prairie View's program operates as a part of the Southwest Area Council.

A Tribute To Dr. Evans

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vice leader, and organizer of the Tuskegee Institute School of Veterinary Medicine. He is a native of Jackson County, Missouri.

During his tenure as president, Dr. Evans has seen the College's enrollment doubled, and buildings and facilities have kept pace with this growth. Among the special services are—the establishment of the Agricultural Experiment station No. 18 on the Prairie View campus, extension of community services through conferences, workshops and short courses, foreign service activities, and continued leadership in education and cultural development of Negroes in Texas.

THE PRAIRIE VIEW STANDARD

A Tribute To Dr. Evans Is Made By The Entire Faculty

The faculty and staff of Prairie View A. and M. College turned out Tuesday night—some 400 strong—to pay tribute to Dr. E. B. Evans and to pledge cooperation as he continues past the normal retirement age to serve as President of the College.

Dr. Evans, who is now 65, has been asked by the Texas A. and M. College System Board of Directors to continue on as President. The re-appointment was another of a long list of signal honors bestowed upon the aging college administrator, who has been on the staff at Prairie View since 1918. Representatives of the faculty planned the banquet occasion which was attended by almost the entire staff of employees and a few visiting friends. Hempstead Mayor, Dr. S. E. Walker, was among the special guest; and so were the President's son, Edward Jr. and his wife, who reside in Houston. A short and simple program included a statement of the occasion by college librarian O. J. Baker who headed the faculty planning committee. Dean G. L. Smith presented a bound volume of records of Dr. Evans' achievements, honors and awards, and Jean K. Norris, English instructor, presented a plaque—"a statement of appreciation" — from the Prairie View family.

Speaking briefly and with full emotion, Dr. Evans expressed a feeling of deep gratitude to the faculty. He said "there is only one thing missing, I wish so much that my wife could have been here to enjoy this evening with me." Dr. Evans' wife, Mrs. Lucille O. Evans, died last August of a heart attack. She was 57.

Dr. Evans became President of Prairie View A. and M. College in 1946 after serving a distinguished career as college veterinarian, assistant president, extension ser-

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Cheerleaders And Majorettes Clinic To Be Held In July

A Clinic for cheerleaders, baton twirlers, majorettes, and sponsors is scheduled at Prairie View A. and M. College on July 19-24.

One of the most popular of the college's offerings, the six-day clinic has attracted more than a hundred high school students during the past two years.

A special visiting faculty will include Mrs. J. R. "Pud" Patterson, Austin; Roland Brinkley and Jimmy Deen, Sam Houston State Teachers, Huntsville; Mrs. Barbara S. Menge, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; and assistants. The course is sponsored by the departments of Music and Physical Education.

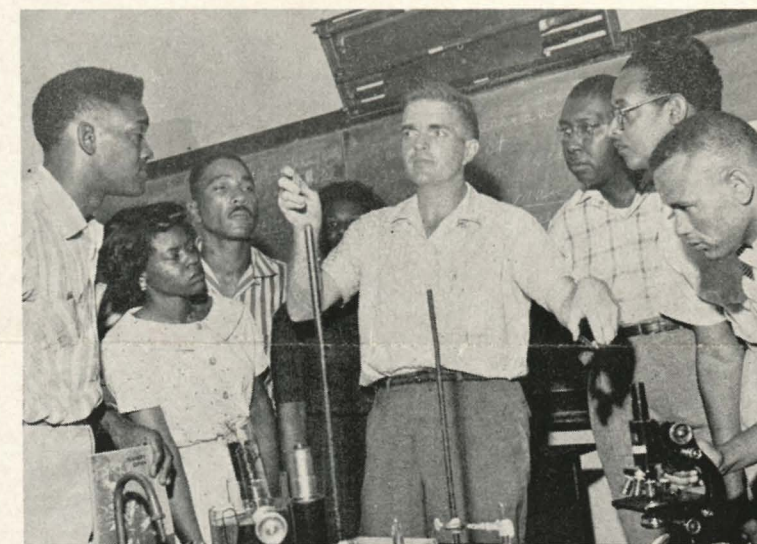
Activities will include twirling, stunting, marching, drum majoring, tumbling and gymnastics, yells dancing and other specialties.

Interested students and teachers should write to the College for further information.

1959 Summer School Second Term Begins Monday, July 18



FACULTY TRIBUTE—Faculty members are seen congratulating Dr. Evans following a dinner honoring the President. Practically the entire staff of over 400 employees were present.



SCIENCE INSTITUTE—High School Science Teachers watch a demonstration by a consultant from the University of Texas Extension Service. Forty teachers from all parts of the State are enrolled in the Summer Institute sponsored by the National Science Foundation.

Gain In Enrollment Seen As Summer Session Gets Underway

A considerable increase in the summer school enrollment has been observed by the Registrar's office following registration for the first six-week term on June 8.

The unofficial enrollment figure of nearly 1,800 represents approximately a 14 per cent increase over

last year's first session enrollment. Summer session activities include many special workshops, short courses and institutes which draw additional numbers of persons on the campus, including scores of consultants and resource persons in various fields. The special science programs have more than 150 persons involved, counting both in-service teachers and eighty high school students of exceptional ability.

Institute Scheduled For Administrators

Registration for the second term is scheduled July 20 and classes will begin on July 21. Summer school commencement is set for August 26.

David A. Sand, principal of Washington Junior High School, San Angelo, Texas, will deliver the key address which will cover a description of the widely discussed "San Angelo Curriculum Plan." The theme of the one-day conference is "Curriculum Differentiation for Equal Educational Opportunity."

This will be the third in a series of summer institutes planned for school principals, supervisors and graduate students in school administration. The institute sponsored by the Graduate Division of the College, and its Dean, Dr. J. M. Drew, is the director.

Opportunity to discuss the popular topic, "Equality of opportunity in education," will be given during special interest group sessions and at a 12:30 luncheon session. Mr. Sands' address is scheduled during the opening session beginning at 9:00 o'clock.

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The 1959-60 Regular Session Begins September 11

Dr. Evans Elected Vice President of Nat'l YMCA Council

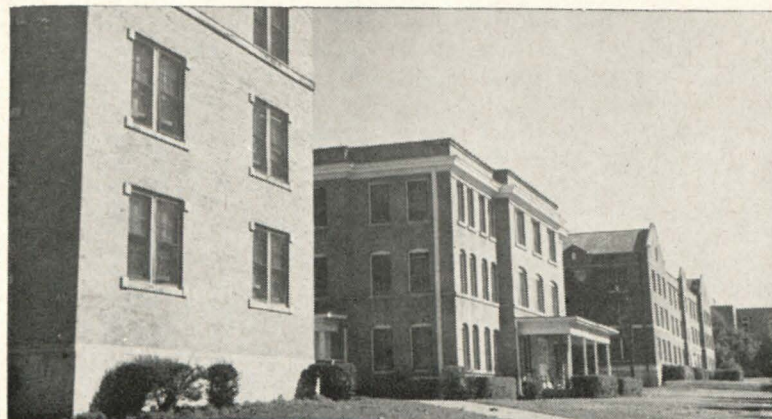
President E. B. Evans was elected vice president of the National Council, Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States during the 33rd annual meeting of the group held in Detroit, Michigan on May 15-17.

Dr. Evans has previously served as a member of the National Council and a member of the national interracial committee of the YMCA.

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News of Prairie View A. and M. College



Alumni Group Recognizes Nine For Outstanding Achievements

Eight former graduates of Prairie View A. and M. College were recipients of awards presented by the General Alumni Association of the College during the May commencement exercises.

The Alumni group also made an award to Dr. E. B. Evans, Prairie View president, honoring him upon being appointed to continue service beyond the normal age for retirement.

Representing many locations and fields of service, the 1959 alumni award winners included Marion J. Brooks, Fort Worth, cited for civic improvement; Mrs. Jeffie O. A. Conner, Waco, community service; Mrs. Virgie C. DeWitty, Austin, religious music; Booker T. Hogan, Jr., Sacramento, California, Science; the Reverend Lee C. Phillip, Prairie View, human relations; Attorney Curtis C. Taylor, Los Angeles, California, the law and civil rights; Dr. and Mrs. Preston and Bonita Valien, Buffalo, New York, research and scholarship; and Mrs. Charles White, Houston, civic improvement.

The Prairie View Alumni Association annually recognizes out-

standing community service of its members. The certificate awards are made during the spring commencement exercises, following nominations by the group's executive committee.

A Fort Worth physician, Dr. Brooks (Class of 1940) was cited for an outstanding medical practice, and for leadership in many important civic improvement projects, notably the Fort Worth Urban League. He was selected in 1958 as Fort Worth's outstanding citizen.

Mrs. Conner is a retired extension agent, having served in this capacity from 1918 to 1950. She has also served in a supervisory position with the McLennan County Schools (Waco) for the past eight years, and is now retiring from this position. As president of the Federated Clubs of Texas, she is considered the outstanding club woman of this state.

Mrs. DeWitty has published more than 20 songs including four part anthems. These songs are sung by choirs and music groups all over America. She is at present di-



MAY COMMENCEMENT—Speaker for the graduation exercises in May, Attorney Curtis C. Taylor, and President E. B. Evans are shown following the commencement program. Both men received alumni awards for outstanding service.

rector of music for the National Baptist Convention of America, and also director for the General Baptist Convention of Texas.

The youngest of the recipients,

Mr. Hogan finished college at Prairie View in 1956 and has received outstanding recognition as a young chemist with the Aero Jet (Continued on Page 3)

1959 ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS



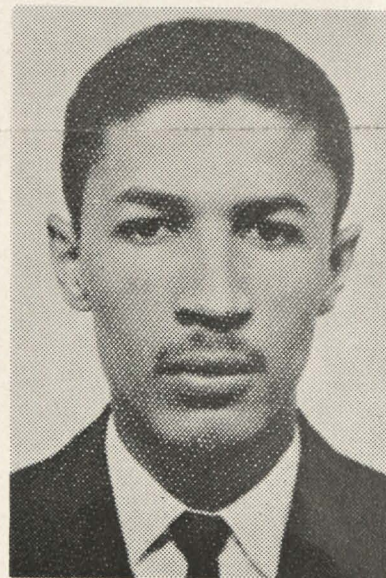
MARION J. BROOKS, '40



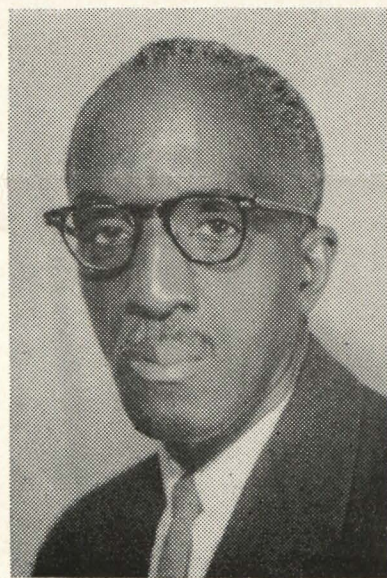
MRS. J. O. A. CONNER, '14



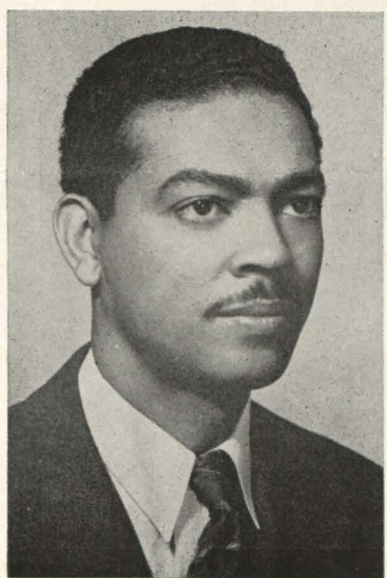
MRS. V. C. DeWITTY, '22



BOOKER T. HOGAN, '56



LEE C. PHILLIP, '28



DR. PRESTON VALIEN, '34



MRS. CHARLES WHITE, '36

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ALUMNI NEWS

As a result of the election by ballot which was mailed to all Active Financial members of the Alumni Association, the following roster of officers was announced on May 23rd.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- MR. G. W. ADAMS, Port Lavaca, President
- MRS. EMMA G. HARRELL, Crockett, First Vice President
- MR. GEORGE LACY, Port Arthur, Second Vice President
- MR. FLETCHER MORGAN, JR., Thompsons, Treasurer
- MRS. HATTIE FLOWERS, Brenham, Secretary
- MR. S. R. COLLINS, Prairie View, Executive Secretary
- MISS JEAN NORRIS, Prairie View, Editor

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- DR. I. T. HUNTER, Tyler, Chairman of the Board
- DR. E. M. NORRIS, Prairie View
- MISS MABEL KILPATRICK, Houston
- MR. O. J. THOMAS, Prairie View

Newly Elected Board Members

- MR. R. H. HESTER, Tyler
- MR. E. E. CLEAVER, Lufkin
- MR. A. G. HILLIARD, Tyler
- MRS. TOMMIE S. CLAY, Houston
- MR. L. G. JOLLEY, Austin (RE-ELECTED)

Alumni Awards

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Corporation of California. He has been recently cited by national publications for his contributions in developing rocket propellants suitable for the delicate operations required for space study and travel.

College Chaplain at Prairie View, Mr. Phillip was described as "a sensitive apostle of interracial harmony, a preacher in the cause of brotherhood, and a moving spirit of new and exciting educational ventures . . ."

Attorney Taylor, 1959 commencement speaker, is a graduate of the class of 1927. He has been a highly successful criminal lawyer and an outstanding fighter in the field of civil rights and juvenile delinquency.

A successful husband and wife research team, Dr. and Mrs. Valien are 1934 and 1935 graduates of the College. Dr. Valien is now associate director of the Driver Research Center of the New York State Health Department. He and his wife are on leave from Fisk University where Dr. Valien is chairman of the Department of Social Science.

Mrs. White is a member of the Houston School Board. The mother of five children, she has been active in educational and civic improvement in Houston for a number of years. She is a 1936 honor graduate of the College, and the wife of Dr. Charles E. White who is also an alumnus of Prairie View.

The Alumni Banquet with Mr. THOMAS L. HOLLEY, Master of Ceremonies, was held on May 23 at 8:00 P.M. in Section "B" of the College Dining Hall in honor of the Graduating Class of 1959 and Reunion Classes 1909, 1919, 1929, 1939, and 1949.

Coach W. J. Nicks and his staff and their wives were also special guest at this banquet. Presentations were made to them as a result of the Billy Nicks Drive were as follows: A \$150.00 Savings Bond was presented to Coaches Wright, Hill, Moore, Johnson, and Rettig. Coach Nicks was presented a \$650.00 Savings Bond. Beautiful Gold Corsages with Purple ribbon were presented to the wives.

A special Award was presented to Dr. I. T. Hunter by the Coaching Staff and Football Team for his ardent support and the confidence he had shown to the team.

The Alumni Award Recipients were introduced and also Attorney Curtis C. Taylor was introduced.

The following persons in the various Reunion Classes were present:

Class of 1909—Mrs Irene Holley, San Antonio

Class of 1919—None

Class of 1929—Mr. Marion Bates, Fort Worth; Mr. L. C. Mosley, Prairie View; Mr. Samuel Hennington, Linden; Mr. R. S. Austin and Mrs. Effie Bowles Austin, Tyler; Mr. T. D. Armstrong, Galveston; Mrs. Fannie Robinson, Houston; Mr. J. R. Farris, Mexia; and Miss Eleena Martin, El Campo.

Class of 1939—Mr. I. T. Williams, Crockett; Mr. Ahmed A. Rayner Jr., Chicago, Ill; Mr. A. L. Traylor, Liberty; Mr. Dave Young, Bay City; Dr. Roscoe Lewis, Prairie View; and Mr. L. C. McMillan, Prairie View.

Class of 1949—Mrs. Tommie S. Clay, Houston; Mrs. Betty McDonald Jennings, Houston; Mr. W. J. Anderson, Tyler; Mr. Clyde Messiah, Baytown; Mr. Bishop B. Curry, Sulphur Springs; Mr. Robert C. Woodard, Brazoria; Mrs. Celestine Anderson, Prairie View; Mr. Joseph Phillips, Prairie View; Mr. S. R. Collins, Prairie View; and Mr. E. B. Wedgeworth, Waxahachie.

Also present was a member of the Class of 1901, Mrs. Pearl Snow Johnson of Del Paso Heights, Cali.

PV Grads Receive Howard U. Degrees

Harold E. Hall (B.S.-1947) was awarded the Doctor of Medicine degree at the 91st annual commencement of Howard University, Washington, D.C.

David Turner, Jr. (B.S.-1953) was awarded the Bachelor of Divinity degree also.



GRADUATES—SUMMA CUM LAUDE—From left, top—Clara N. Clack (Gonzales), Dietetics; Howard Daniels (Livingston), Agriculture; Iva J. Davis (Houston), Clothing and Textiles; Maurice L. Flowers (Jefferson), Home Economics; Carol June Hardy (Houston), Dietetics; Jewel Joe (Palestine), Home Economics; Ruby Sanders (Granger), Elementary Education; Doris White (Brenham), Voc. Education; and Prince Cummings (Monrovia, Liberia) Industrial Education.

May Commencement

Degrees And Certificates Awarded 300 Senior Candidates

Graduation exercises were held for more than three hundred Prairie View A. and M. College students Sunday, May 24.

Attorney Curtis C. Taylor of Los Angeles, California delivered the commencement address. A 1917 graduate of Prairie View, Mr. Taylor urged the 1959 class to "be proud of your American heritage." He traced Negro participation in American progress since "Valley Forge" down through the present time and admonished the graduates to "take advantage of every opportunity open to them."

Prairie View President, Dr. E. B. Evans conferred degrees and issued diplomas and certificates to 227 baccalaureate candidates, 45 certificates of proficiency and apprenticeship, 9 diplomas of nursing and 21 masters degrees.

Bachelors degrees were awarded in Agriculture, 11; Arts, 32; Music, 9; Science, 80; Education, 24; Engineering, 10; Home Economics, 24; Industrial Education, 24; and Nursing Education, 3; Three Masters of Arts degrees, 14 Masters in Education, and 4 in Science were awarded.

Certificates were given to students in Secretarial Science, 6; Automobile Mechanics, 9; Commercial Cooking, 10; Carpentry, 1; Electricity, 1; Masonry, 1; Metalwork, 3; Plumbing, 2; Printing, 2; Radio-Television, 3; Tailoring, 4; Welding, 2; Shoe Repairing, 1.

Seventeen ROTC graduates were commissioned Second Lieutenants in the U. S. Army Reserve. They are: *Armor Division*, Thomas E. Brewer, Willie E. Shepherd, Alderus Stewart; *Artillery*—Walter O. Epting; *Chemical Corps*—Marvin D. Brailsford, Calvin Waller; *Engineering* — Clarence Richardson; *Finance Corps* — Carl L. Young; *Infantry*—Thomas Hendricks, Melvin Myers, James Sauls; *Military Police Corps* — Clemon Daniels, Jr.; *Medical Service Corps*—Russell Pierre, Jr.; *Quartermaster Corps*—Paul Rutledge.

Fall Term Begins . . .

Freshman Orientation
September 11-14
Registration September 15-17
Classes Begin September 18